

BUS TRANSPORT POLICY

PURPOSE

To ensure that pupils who are eligible have access to school transport.

OBJECTIVES

Transport assistance will be provided, as determined by the Ministry of Education policy on distance, criteria, and the Tauranga Districts Schools Transport Network Group Transport Policy, to pupils who wish to attend Otumoetai Intermediate School. Otumoetai Intermediate School will provide a contact person (Bus Controller) to communicate with parents and the Network Group.

Transfer Entitlement

Pupils can use their entitlement to transport to their nearest Year 7 or 8 school to travel to Otumoetai Intermediate School providing they can get to a bus run by the Network Group.

Ineligible Pupils

- (a) Travel on the Network's contracted bus services is available to ineligible pupils on the following guidelines:
- Space being available.
 - Pupils are travelling to a school designated as being served on that particular bus route. (The Transport Committee using its discretion in allowing numbers of pupils being transported away from their nearest/designated school).
 - The Network having authority to authorize parent paid extensions or fare paying structures.
- (b) The Board may arrange bus transport for ineligible students by contracting a bus company on a user pays basis. Some subsidy may be provided by the Board to facilitate student attendance at Otumoetai Intermediate School.

School Bus Service Duties

1. Liaise with parents and pupils.
2. Maintain a list of pupils.
3. Report to Principal behaviour and accidents.
4. Issuing bus passes and replacement passes.

CONCLUSION

Urban students may use the Western Bay of Plenty Regional Council Schoolhopper bus services. Rural students are able to catch College buses where room allows. Students living in the Kaimai, Te Puna and Whakamarama Schools' Transport Entitlement Zones are unable to use the TTNG College buses within these school zones. Otumoetai Intermediate School provides a mini bus for Te Puna students which has a limited number of seats available.